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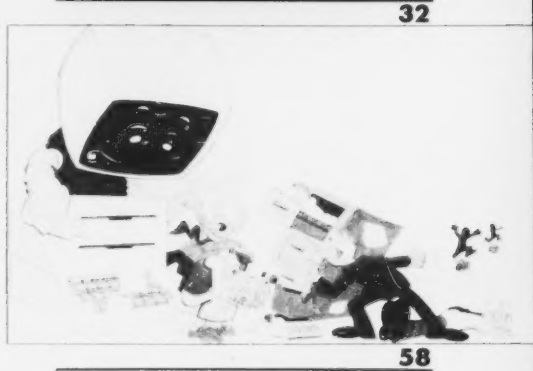

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Unethical behavior has been a problem of local government operations for centuries. With today's expansive media visibility, officials need to be alert to prevent even a hint of corruption in their communities. The cover story beginning on page 24 discusses possible solutions. (Photograph by Bryant McAfee of Atlanta.)

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MUNICIPAL COST INDEXES

After a one-month standstill, the **Municipal Cost Index** again is climbing — up to 337.1, representing a rise of 0.3 percent for the month and 1.1 percent for the year. This push upward is caused by steady inclines in both the **Construction Cost Index** and the **Consumer Price Index**.

The **Producer Price Index** has reversed its falling trend occurring since September by reporting a 0.7 percent increase to 308.0 for January.

Commercial vehicles and the fuel to run them were products in this month's marketbasket that rose significantly. Posting the largest increases were passenger cars, followed by trucks and diesel fuel. No deep dips were recorded, though floor coverings, lumber and electric power were among those products that declined by more than 1 percent. □

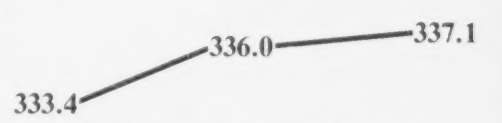
— Terri Stone

THIS MONTH'S MARKETBASKET

	Current Index	Percent Change From: Last Month	Last Year
Air Conditioners	147.4	−0.1	2.1
Apparel	183.8	−0.3	2.3
Asphalt Roofing	404.1	−0.5	−1.2
Books	135.2	1.0	4.6
Chemicals, Industrial	337.9	−0.5	0.6
Coal	547.0	−0.7	−0.3
Concrete Products	323.2	0.0	3.6
Construction Machinery	363.1	0.1	1.6
Diesel Fuel	658.6	5.0	−1.2
Electric Components	197.7	0.2	0.9
Electric Lamps	348.0	0.3	3.2
Electric Power	455.9	−1.4	2.4
Engines, I.C.	346.9	−0.4	2.8
Fans, Blowers	359.7	0.0	2.3
Fertilizers, Mixed	257.2	−0.4	−2.6
Floor Coverings	188.7	−1.7	−2.2
Flow Instruments	233.0	0.3	N/A
Footwear	259.6	0.1	3.0
Foundry Products	364.0	0.0	0.5
Fuel Oil No. 2	705.7	5.5	0.4
Furniture	311.2	−0.1	4.7
Gasoline	554.0	−1.5	−1.1
Generator Sets	351.7	0.0	2.7
Glass	228.4	1.3	3.9
Glass Containers	387.1	0.1	6.1
Gypsum Products	339.6	3.0	0.2
Hardware	306.5	0.3	2.2
Heating Equipment	261.5	0.0	2.1
HVAC Controls	126.2	−0.2	0.9
LP Gas	536.6	2.6	−13.2
Lubricants	375.9	2.0	1.8
Lumber	328.2	−1.3	N/A
Metal Fabrications	315.5	0.1	0.5
Millwork	312.5	−0.3	1.8
Motor Vehicle Parts	356.6	0.1	1.0
Mowers	261.9	0.2	0.7
Natural Gas	1356.2	−1.0	−4.9
Office Machines	154.2	−0.5	0.3
Paint	277.6	0.3	−0.1
Paper	301.4	−0.6	−1.7
Passenger Cars	234.8	12.1	4.9
Plumbing Fixtures	314.8	0.4	2.8
Plywood	234.8	1.8	−2.5
Portland Cement	357.9	−0.1	1.3
Residual Fuel	924.5	−0.8	−17.0
Sand, Gravel	310.3	0.2	4.2
Sanitary Papers	381.9	0.4	3.6
Soaps, Detergents	275.7	0.3	2.6
Sporting Goods	203.6	0.0	−1.2
Steel Mill Products	365.7	0.0	−0.8
Struc. Clay Products	299.6	0.9	3.5
Switchgear	278.5	0.2	0.0
Tires, Tubes	236.2	−0.2	−1.3
Transformers	231.5	−0.1	1.2
Trucks	337.6	6.6	2.0
Valves	104.8	−0.3	1.9
Wire, Cable	205.3	−0.1	2.2
Wiring Devices	360.7	−0.3	1.0

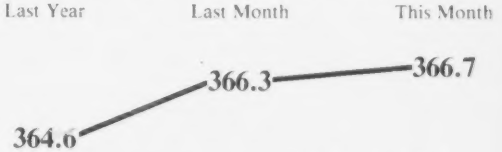
At-A-Glance Changes

MUNICIPAL COST INDEX



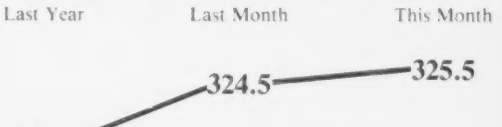
Percent Change From Last: Month **0.3** Year **1.1**

CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX



Percent Change From Last: Month **0.1** Year **0.6**

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (BLS)



Percent Change From Last: Month **0.3** Year **3.2**

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX (BLS)

Percent Change From Last: Month **0.7** Year **−0.5**

QUARTERLY MUNICIPAL TRENDS

	Current Level	Percent Change From: Last Qtr.	Last Year:
Receipts	558.0B	2.3	7.2
Federal Grants	98.1B	3.2	5.3
Durable Purchases	15.0B	2.0	7.1
Consumables	39.1B	2.4	7.7
Services	382.5B	2.0	8.4
Structures	50.1B	13.6	13.3
Salaries, Wages	278.3B	1.8	7.7
Surplus	50.3B	−6.3	−7.7
Employment	13.460M	0.0	2.0